

ingly too) either for the better or the worse.

There are many other curiosities besides these, which I have not time to mention, but when the old gentleman is in a merry mood, as he sometimes is, he does not fail to tell you, that he hath another rarity, which, if properly used, is the best and the most effectual cure in the world for a certain disease, which is very common in most places, and is generally called the *Idles*; and, with that, he goes to an old trunk, and produces a swinging large rod, which, to be sure, is a full yard long, and as thick as your leg. I hope, however, that none of my pretty readers have any pressing occasion for such a desperate remedy as this.

But before I conclude this chapter, I must give you an account of a very curious telescope or spying-glass, which is likewise to be seen in the Musæum. It is about twelve feet long, and is the workmanship of one Mr. *Faith-and-hope*. If you only go to the window, and look thro' the telescope

telescope towards the east, you will see a sight which is the most glorious ever beheld; so glorious that the *Castle* is a fool to it. It is a city which is four square. The wall is but a hundred and forty-four cubits made of jasper; and the city is made of the purest gold or the clearest glass foundation, which is seen above it. It is intermixed and garnished with precious stones that can be named. The twelve gates are twelve solid pillars. The streets are of pure gold, as dazzling as the most transparent crystal. In short, the splendor of the place is inconceivably great, that it hath been seen either for the sun to shine like the moon by night; the name of the city is Holy Jerusalem; and if you will see it, which I dare say you will, go into the 21st and 22d Chapters of Revelations, you may find a full and beautiful account of it. This, I think, is a very glorious city indeed, as glorious as it is, if you are a good